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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

KAZUHISA HOSAKA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SEAN T. MOTSINGER

SERIAL NO: 10/724,102 :

FILED: DECEMBER 1, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2624

FOR: IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS

AND METHOD, PROGRAM AND

RECORDING MEDIUM

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

SIR:

Applicants herein petition the Commissioner in order to obtain consideration and acknowledgment on the record of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on July 13, 2007.

The noted IDS was filed in conformity with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98. The above-referenced application has now been allowed. The reference listed on line AS in the Information Disclosure Statement was never acknowledged or made of record by the examiner.

A copy of the IDS is available on PAIR. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner acknowledge consideration of the reference listed on line AS of the PTO Form 1449 and make the initialed PTO Form 1449 of record.

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In Response to Notice of Allowance dated: September 18, 2007

Although Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for the present petition, any required fee should be charged the undersigned attorneys account no. 15-0030.

Respectfully submitted,

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